



# News Release

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## **Ilwaco doctor's license immediately suspended**

*Charged with predatory sexual misconduct, poor recordkeeping for patients taking narcotics*

**OLYMPIA** — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the license of Ilwaco physician Brandon Adams (MD00026765), charging him with predatory sexual misconduct and boundary violations with female patients. He is also charged with failing to maintain recordkeeping for patients to whom he prescribed controlled substances.

Adams is not board-certified but identifies his medical specialties as family medicine and psychiatry. Several female patients complained that Adams engaged in numerous boundary violations and sexual misconduct, ranging from hugging and kissing to sexual touching. The commission charges that Adams often locked his office door during consultation with patients, and mixed counseling with prescribing narcotics for chronic pain. In one case, the charges say he exploited female patients by offering narcotics in exchange for sex.

Department of Health investigators learned that Adams stopped maintaining medical records for patients in June 2010, even though he prescribed large quantities of narcotics. Adams also has surrendered his Drug Enforcement Agency registration and cannot prescribe controlled substances.

Adams can't practice medicine in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and request a hearing. Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to [Provider Credential Search](#) on the agency home page ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating competency and quality of physicians and physician assistants. It develops rules, policies, and procedures to promote high quality health care.

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